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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR PRC

1. DEPOFF (PRCM DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG) TELEPHONED PRCLO COUNSELOR CHI CH'AO-CHU MAY 3 AND REQUESTED PRCLO TO ASK APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN PEKING TO EXPEDITE ACTION ON PENDING VISAS REQUESTS FOR DEAN, VEA, ELLIS, CHAMPEAU AND LINCOLN. DEPOFF REVIEWED DATES OF ORIGINAL REQUESTS AND FOLLOW-UPS AND REMINDED CHI THAT DEAN, VEA AND ELLIS NEED TO BE IN PEKING AT SAME TIME. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY CHI ABOUT PURPOSE OF TRIP, DEPOFF NOTED THAT WE WISHED TO OBTAIN VISA FOR CHAMPEAU FOR CONSULTATION WITH USLO EVEN IF OTHER ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS MEETING APPROPRIATE PRC OFFICIAL, NOT CONVENIENT FOR PRC TO ARRANGE. ON LINCOLN, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REQUEST MADE RECENTLY, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE AND WISHED OBTAIN VISA FOR CONSULTATION WITH USLO EVEN IF CANTON FAIR STOPOVER NOT CONVENIENT.

2. CHI SAID HE WOULD "REPORT" OUR CONVERSATION, AND DEPOFF CONCLUDED BY SAYING WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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3. CHI LI-TE (CONSULAR OFFICER) TELEPHONED ABOUT AN HOUR LATER. CHI SAID SINCE DEAN AND VEA APPLICATIONS FIRST

MADE IN PEKING, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FOLLOW-UP THERE. DEPOFF REPLIED THAT WE WOULD SO INFORM USLO BUT IN MEANTIME WE WERE REQUESTING PRCLO TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN MFA. WE SUGGEST USLO FOLLOW UP WITH MFA.

4. CHI SAID THEY HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON ELLIS AND CHAMPEAU VISAS. DEPOFF REPLIED IT WAS ON ASSUMPTION THAT WAS THE CASE THAT WE WERE ASKING PRCLO TO CONVEY OUR INTEREST IN THESE TWO CASES TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN PEKING.

5. ON LINCOLN, CHI SAID THEY COULD PROBABLY ISSUE VISA MAY 4, AND WHILE IT WAS NOT CONVENIENT TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO ATTEND CANTON FAIR AS "OBSERVER," HE COULD VISIT FAIR IF HE WISHED. DEPOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. (DETAILS ON LINCOLN TRAVEL WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.) RUSH

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